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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 684
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Arthur "Art" Beesley, Sergeant at Arms for the Tennessee House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of this Legislative Body recognize those Tennesseans who, through their personal and professional endeavors, have enhanced the lives of countless others in their community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arthur "Art" Beesley is one such esteemed individual who has served his community and this State in numerous ways; born in Triune in 1923, Arthur Beesley grew up on his family's farm in Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, he bravely served his country in the United States Navy during World War II, after which he enrolled in Cumberland University where he played baseball, basketball, and was Captain of the football team. Mr. Beesley was later elected to the Cumberland University Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University, Mr. Beesley went to work in sales for Cargill, Incorporated, the world's largest private corporation. He was a sales and marketing

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success, having made the President's Club for three years, and was promptly promoted to the position of Swine Specialist over seven states. After having invested more than twenty-seven years of his life with Cargill, Mr. Beesley retired, but did not quit working; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beesley then went to work with the Secretary of State's Office as the Director of Charitable Solicitations, a position he held for more than six years until his retirement in 1989; and

WHEREAS, he was then appointed to the position of Sergeant at Arms for the State House of Representatives where he has served with acumen for the past nine years; and

WHEREAS, always a servant of the public, Mr. Beesley has had the honor of having served the City of Lebanon for eight years as a city alderman; and

WHEREAS, a family man in every sense of the word, Art is fortunate to share the love and support of his devoted wife of 54 years, Doris; from their fruitful marriage, two daughters were born: Martha, the wife of Tom Boyd, and Alice, the wife of Jeff Gossage; and

WHEREAS, the Beesleys are the proud grandparents of Daniel Gossage and Rachel and Kathryn Boyd; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Beesley has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their fullest potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers, fellow members of the community, and his many co-workers and friends here in the State legislature; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Mr. Arthur Beesley for his commitment to the future of this State, and for his dedicated service to his community, his family, and the State of Tennessee, extending our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.